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Majority prices were higher in the West, mostly unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady; however, in the West, small sized product was firm, and heavier weights were no better than steady. Demand over the extended holiday weekend was moderate to fairly good with improvements noted, but post-holiday movement was light. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient, better balanced for lighter weights. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Breast items were more available, dark meat and wings were at least sufficient and easy to obtain. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Final report Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 7/05/04-07/09/04 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers					
Bos/New Eng	83.00-86.00	84.83	18	77.48	41
Chicago	78.00-81.00	80.52	45	82.59	75
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	82.75	22
Denver	85.50	85.50	14	86.19	16
Detroit	80.00-82.00	81.56	18	83.32	57
Los Angeles	86.00	85.42	65	85.98	130
New York	81.00-84.00	82.79	24	82.67	48
Philadelphia	81.00-83.00	82.05	11	81.82	22
Pittsburgh	82.00-83.50	82.21	12	82.95	55
St. Louis	80.25-80.50	79.79	22	79.89	41
San Francisco	86.50	86.50	35	90.04	63

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	07/06/04	Change/Last Wk	06/29/04	07/08/03
570	83.44	1.18	82.26	62.44

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
East	84.00-85.50	85.00	30
Central	81.00-87.00	85.17	68
West	87.00-93.00	90.76	36

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	80.00-82.00	81.96	86
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 80.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,111	78.00-83.00	79.90

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	257.50	1,501
BREASTS - B/S	260.50	5,671
BREASTS - WHOLE	140.00	1,780
THIGH MEAT - B/S	114.50	1,068
LEG QUARTERS	35.00	8,208
WINGS	118.50	3,047

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair entering the week. Offerings of the 3.5 to 4 pound birds were adequate to available, however, the lighter weights were in a better balanced position. Retail and distributive movement was unaggressive. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items had increased in availability. Legs, leg quarters and thighs were fully sufficient. Wings were more than adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the extended holiday weekend was mixed, with refilling being done and most taking a wait and see attitude to assess needs and market conditions. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle needs. In the parts structure, all items were at least adequate or available with dark meat in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices 1 cent higher throughout the region. Reported trading for this week's deliveries at higher prices on light weight product and unchanged to lower prices on heavy weights. Offerings were adequate with small sized product in best position. Buying activity was moderate overall. Retailer demand was fairly good, best for parts. Dealers reported light to moderate weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment was mixed on parts with wings and bone-in breasts in the strongest position. Trading reported on parts for this weeks' delivery: leg quarters bulk mainly 32 and 4/10s mainly 34, wings 100-105, bone-in breast 143-160 and boneless 247-253. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 91.26 down .82 with the volume reported at 28 loads down 13 percent from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Limited offerings prevailed on light to fair trade inquiry. Food service and retail demand improved over the holiday weekend; moderate to good with only light to fair demand noted today. Floor stocks generally in balance. Weights were in a desirable range. Supplies of whole and boneless/skinless breasts adequate, leg quarters and wings available, and thighs, thigh meat and leg meat were plentiful. Trade sentiment was mostly steady with undertone weak on thighs, thigh meat and leg meat.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly moderate following the holiday weekend, but was below overall expectations. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range but were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 82 to 96 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were more than sufficient. Dark meat items were adequate to available. ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 06/03/2004 WAS 11,808,067 @ 5.54 LBS

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	80-100
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	85.91
NO. OF BOXES	9,312

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive following the holiday weekend. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient with sporadic discounting noted to entice interest. Legs, leg quarters and thighs were adequate to available. Wings were more than sufficient. Retail and distributive draw was light to fair, best for refill activity. Trade sentiment was unsettled. The market tone was cautiously steady.

ICE-PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING		AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	250-255		253.36	672,490
TENDERLOINS	225		222.88	128,340
BREAST - WITH RIBS	135-136		139.35	154,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	135		136.05	68,160
LEGS	50-51		46.81	308,156
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33-34		34.31	595,246
DRUMSTICKS	42-43		48.27	165,780
THIGHS	38-39		45.70	92,340
B/S THIGHS	99-100		102.20	117,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101		104.59	137,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.73	36,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		31.55	13,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60		54.70	28,720

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,323	230.00-297.00	244-256	248.91
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	559	26.00-31.00	26-27	27.07
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,398	28.00-31.00	28-29	28.83
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,011	30.00-42.00	30-33	33.05

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS FOR MONDAY 05-JUL-04

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	07/05	07/01	07/01	06/28	06/24
ALA	2,135	4,006	5.14	3,949	5.16
ARK	1,382	5,392	5.01	5,343	5.06
DELMARVA	Holiday	2,258	5.53	2,273	5.48
LA-TENN	860	2,059	5.01	2,051	5.04
MISS	1,021	3,017	5.32	2,981	5.30
NC	2,482	3,522	5.95	2,324	6.26
TEXAS	2,456	2,503	5.12	2,499	5.16
TOTAL	10,336	22,757	5.28	21,420	5.30
MON	10,336 (A)			21,420 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Jul 2004 is estimated to be 15,464,000 down 51.89 percent from a week ago, and down 27.1 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,143,000 last year 21,212,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	(000)			AVG
BREAST - B/S	862	244.00-334.00	245-250	246.52
TENDERLOINS	230	210.00-258.00	220-225	227.34
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	134.00-142.00	135-136	138.04
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	48	42.00-58.00	42-43	44.67
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	509	24.00-32.00	27-28	27.91
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,180	26.00-37.00	30-31	29.81
WINGS (WHOLE)	303	93.00-108.00	93-95	97.69
WINGS (CUT)	390	114.00-119.00	115-119	116.77
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JULY 06, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S
RANGE AVERAGE
72.00 - 83.50 78.12

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 05-JUL-2004 TO 09-JUL-2004, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	246.00 - 258.50	246.00 - 256.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	126.00 - 158.00	135.00 - 140.00
LEGS	45.00 - 50.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27.00 - 38.00	30.00 - 33.00
DRUMSTICKS	40.00 - 52.00	-
THIGHS	38.00 - 50.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	93.00 - 119.00	103.00 - 106.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 36.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	101.25-105.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	104.75-108.75

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

600

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	71-81

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	116
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108
	DRY PACK	110
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93
	DRY PACK	95
DUCKS		162-185

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

02-JUL-2004

CHICKEN

—— PRICES ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.50	18.00-20.00	913,000	572,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.50	19.88		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-21.50	14.00-18.00	2,480,800	1,340,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.19	16.72		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the at least adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reduced due to the holiday. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-JUL-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11.5	9.5-10.5	10.08
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

02-JUL-2004

CHICKEN

—— PRICES ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	18.00	122,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		18.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-19.00	12.00-18.00	3,270,800	1,618,400
WTD AVERAGE	15.74	14.57		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were sufficient to cover a moderate call for dressed product. Trade sentiment was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-JULY-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-13	9.75-10.5	10.37

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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